(ग) न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, 1948 के उपबंधों के प्रवर्तन के लिए राज्य सरकार समुचित प्राधिकारी है। तथापति, केन्द्रीय सरकार समय-समय पर राज्य सरकारों पर न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, 1948 के प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन हेतु जोर देती रही है। इसके परिणामस्वरूप राज्य सरकारों ने इस अधिनियम की कारगरता में सुधार करने के लिए विभिन्न उपाय किये हैं। इनमें प्रवर्तन तंत्र को सुदृढ़ किया जाना, कर्मकारों की जागरूकता में वृद्धि किया जाना, न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम के उपबंधों का व्यापक प्रचार किया जाना, अधिनियम के उपबंधों के प्रवर्तन में राजस्व और सहयोग के रूप में ऐसे अन्य विभागों का सहयोग लिया जाना आदि शामिल है।

Cases pending before Board of Arbitration

1851. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases are pending before the Board of Arbitration for adjudication since long;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases pending for more than three years;

(c) whether any time frame is prescribed for the disposal of these cases; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to prescribe or fix any time-schedule for the speedier disposal of cases pending before the Board?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Out of a total of 32 reference cases pending before the Board of Arbitration as on 1.8.1995, 10 are pending for more than 3 years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The JCM Scheme does not prescribe any time limit for disposal of cases by the Board of Arbitration.

Import of caustic soda flakes/solids/lye

1852. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of caustic soda flakes/solids/lye being imported alongwith the value in Rupees during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the reduction in duty on caustic soda from 65% to 40% has adversely affected the domestic industry;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to help the industry to reduce the cost of production; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce customs duty on import of membrane cell plants, fuel oil used for power generation and the machinery for captive power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Import data of caustic soda flakes/solids/lye for the year 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto Feb.'95 are as under:—

Year	Quantity(in tonnes)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1993-94	1,17,281	4678.52
1994-95 (upto Feb.' 95)	59,352	2256.95

(Source : D.G.C.I & S, Calcutta)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

List of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1853. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the list of Centrally Sponsored Schemes department-wise issued by various Ministries;

(b) whether the Central outlay incurred on such schemes in the States is debited under annual plan outlay of the States;

(c) whether actual outlay to be incurred on these schemes is kept in view by the Planning Commission while chalking out the outline of the plan outlay of various Ministries/ Departments;

(d) whether in order to ensure the uniformity of expenditure in the entire country review of such schemes by the Ministries/Departments of Central Government is made in consultation with Planning Commission; and

(e) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Various Central Ministries/Departments of Government of India are concerned with the Centrally Sponsored Schemes falling within their purview. A consolidated list of such Centrally Sponsored Schemes is not maintained in the Planning Commission.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The CSS are monitored by the concerned administrative Ministries/ Departments. The Planning Commission generally reviews these schemes at the time of the Annual Plan discussions.

Decontrol of coking coal

1854. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the decontrol of prices of coking coal and some grades of non-coking coal;

(b) if not, when this decision will be taken; and

(c) what will be the overall effect of this decision on coal industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government to decontrol prices of coking coal and non-coking coal of any grade.

(b) It is not possible to fix any time limit in the matter.

(c) Does not arise at this stage.

Special smokeless fuel in Ranchi

1855. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether CMPDIL, Ranchi, have developed a special smokeless fuel for reduction/elimination of smoke pollution, drudgery and health hazards, as a substitute for smoking coal, if so, the details thereof, serial-wise;

(b) the details of units with addresses already commissioned and other SSF units which are-under various stages of construction/ implementation;

(c) the technical assistance being extended by Central Mine, Planning and Designing Institute Ltd. to entrepreneurs and cost of preparation of Feasibility Report, providing of technical know-how and coal linkage for SSF plants; and

(d) whether Coal India Ltd. will provide priority despatches of Coal to proposed SSF plants by rail, if so, the details thereof, serial-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. CMPDIL, has developed the technology for production of Special Smokeless Fuel (SSF) in order to minimise serious air pollution encountered during production of soft coke by traditional method. The technology was developed through installation and extensive operation of pilot plant located near Dhanbad, Bihar.

(b) The details of SSF Units which had already been commissioned and units which are under various stages of construction/ implementation are given in the statement (*see* below).

(c) Technical assistance like preparation of project report, know-how etc. is made available by CMPDIL. Charge for preparation of project report is Rs. 50,000/- know-how fee for 100 tonnes/day and 50 tonnes/day SSF Plants are Rs. 43,800/- and Rs. 21,900/- respectively. Technical consultancy fee of Rs. 25,000/- is also payable to CMPDIL. Coal linkage for SSF Plants is provided by Coal India Limited.

(d) Allotment of wagons for movement of coal by rail is controlled by the Railways. Coal companies offer coal for movement to all linked SSF Plants subject to availability of rail transport which is to be arranged by the sponsored SSF Units.